



# Archibald First School

## Special Educational Needs Information



*At Archibald First School, we aim to 'have fun and achieve excellence', nurturing:*

### Successful Learners Who...

Are equipped with good basic skills in literacy and numeracy  
Are able to ask, enquire, process, reason and evaluate  
Know about events that shape our world (past and present)  
Are motivated learners who work to their potential  
Are able to evaluate performance and set own goals  
Are able to think for themselves and can make good choices and decisions  
Are independent life long learners  
Want to learn and have a 'thirst' for knowledge

### Confident Individuals Who...

Are able to think  
Have self confidence and high self-esteem  
Can contribute to their own well-being and the well-being of others  
Take responsibility for their own actions and understand consequences of behaviours  
Are willing to try new ideas

### Responsible Citizens Who...

Know how to lead and adopt a healthy, safe lifestyle  
Demonstrate empathy and respect  
Show an understanding and tolerance of different groups in society  
Know how to care for the environment  
Are well prepared for life

### **Archibald First School Mission Statement**

Our mission statement is the back drop for all we do in school, including our work with our children with additional learning needs. This document gives families information about the variety of ways we ensure support for our children with special educational needs (SEN) to achieve their potential. We provide a full range of educational and pastoral support to all, which results in our children with SEN making at least good progress.

The information here is general; each child is an individual and will receive unique provision and resources where necessary.

If you would like further information, or a chat, please contact our SENCO, Julia Bayes by email [julia.bayes@archibald.newcastle.sch.uk](mailto:julia.bayes@archibald.newcastle.sch.uk) or phone on 0191 285 1957.

### **There are a number of reasons why a child may be identified as having SEN:**




- They are having significant difficulty with their learning and making far less progress than would be expected.
- They have a specific learning difficulty, for example dyslexia.
- They have emotional or mental health difficulties.
- They have difficulties with social communication and interaction.
- They have sensory and/or physical needs, for example a hearing impairment.

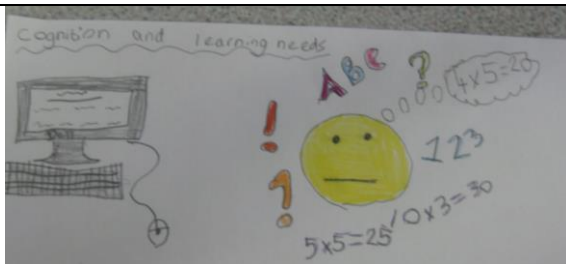


**For all children at Archibald School who have an additional need we:**

- Recognise that the family is the expert on their child and work in partnership with them.
- Deliver high quality teaching, adapting the curriculum and our resources to ensure children can access the learning.
- Employ a fully qualified Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator (SENCO) to lead on SEN provision across the school.
- Assess and review the learning (progress and achievement) of our SEN children, using that information to inform future planning and teaching.
- Provide teaching assistants in class who work with SEN children and also, importantly, support other children so that the teacher has more opportunities to work with the SEN children.
- Hold regular meetings for teaching assistants with the SENCO, to review children, interventions and resources and to adapt provision where necessary.
- Support our families with children with SEN, formally through review meetings and informally through our “open door” approach. Families are also advised of other services and organisations which may offer further advice and support.
- Seek advice from outside agencies to ensure each child’s needs are fully identified and understood and to learn from specialists how best to support our SEN children.  
**(Link: Outside Agencies/Parent links)**
- We evaluate intervention groups and strategies on a half-termly basis.
- Regularly evaluate our teaching resources to ensure they are accessible to all SEN children.
- Ensure our school activities and trips, as far as is possible, are accessible to all our SEN children.
- Hold termly review meetings with families for children with a higher level of SEN.
- Provide on-going SEN training and information for teachers and teaching assistants
- Liaise closely with middle schools at transition times to ensure SEN pupil information is clearly communicated and recommendations heard so that the move to middle school is as smooth as possible.**(Link: SEND Policy)**

Specific provision is also provided for the different areas of need. The table below explains the detail of this support.

| Type of SEN   | Support provided in school   |
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| <p><b>Communication and Interaction</b><br/>Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD)<br/>Speech, Language and Communication Needs</p>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We use visual timetables when needed to support children to understand what will happen and when.</li> <li>• We provide areas with reduced distractions and low stimulus</li> <li>• We offer additional support during break and lunch time when appropriate.</li> <li>• We use social stories to help children learn how to approach different social situations.</li> <li>• We run small groups focusing on friendship and social skills</li> <li>• We have a variety of resources available to use, depending on a child's sensory difficulties.</li> <li>• Time is spent with children helping them to identify situations that cause anxiety and finding ways to relieve that anxiety.</li> <li>• We run small group speech and language sessions.</li> <li>• We access the expertise and advice of the local authority Speech, Language and Social Communication team.</li> </ul> |
| <p><b>Cognition and Learning Needs</b><br/>Moderate Learning Difficulties (MLD)<br/>Specific Learning Difficulties ( SpLD)</p>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We access the expertise and advice of the Special Educational Needs Teaching and Support Service (SENTASS) to ensure the needs of children are clearly identified.</li> <li>• We provide small group support with a focus on literacy or numeracy skills, depending on need.</li> <li>• We use intervention programmes to improve literacy or numeracy skills- e.g. Lexia Reading Recovery, Rapid Reading, Writing and Maths, 'Nessy'</li> </ul>  |



and Numicon., Better Reading Partnership, 1-1 phonic tutoring, Memory Magic.

- We provide resources to support children with specific needs- e.g. coloured overlays and reading rulers to help with reading for our dyslexic children.

### Social, Emotional and Mental Health Needs

Mental Health Condition  
Social Difficulties  
Emotional Difficulties



- We provide excellent pastoral care for our children and their families.
- We have a dedicated Family Support Adviser (FSA) for social, emotional and mental needs – Mrs Diana West [Diana.West@archibald.newcastle.sch.uk](mailto:Diana.West@archibald.newcastle.sch.uk)
- We provide counselling for individuals and their families using an external provider.
- We run one to one sessions focusing on emotional understanding and expression.
- We create behaviour management plans where necessary, to ensure children can access the curriculum and all children remain safe.
- We complete risk assessments and then take action to ensure the safety and inclusion of all children, whenever possible, in all activities
- We provide one to one and small group nurture sessions for vulnerable children.
- We put in place short term support for a child with a specific emotional need, for example, bereavement.
- We run small group sessions with a focus on social skills.
- We seek the expert advice and support of outside agencies, including the School Health Advisor and the Children and Young People's Service (CYPS)

**(Link: Anti-Bullying Policy)**

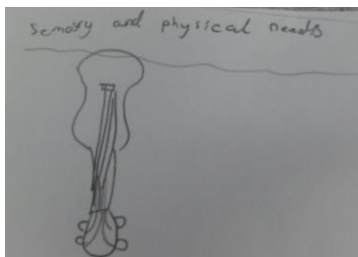
## Sensory and Physical Needs

Hearing/Visual Impairment

Physical Disabilities

Multi- Sensory Impairment

Medical Needs



- We provide support and practical aids where appropriate to ensure pupils can access the curriculum.
- We seek advice and guidance from school health for pupils with significant medical needs
- We run intervention sessions to improve pupil skills, e.g. gross and fine motor skills, Andy Holman 'Enjoy a Ball'
- We request and act upon advice and guidance from the Newcastle Children's Vision Team and Hearing Impairment Team.
- When it is appropriate we use ICT to enhance pupil's access to the curriculum.
- When required staff receive training in understanding the impact of a physical or sensory need on the teaching of learning of the child.
- All the entrances to school have ramps fitted to allow wheelchair access.
- Our school has a disabled toilet.
- Our staff understand and apply the Medicine Policy
- Dedicated staff have been comprehensively first-aid trained

***(Links: Accessibility Policy; Medicine Policy, Supporting learners with medical conditions in schools Policy )***

If you have any concerns about your child's learning or well-being please come in to school. We shall be happy to discuss things and work with you as we all seek to support your child in our school. Email Julia Bayes: [admin@archibald.newcastle.sch.uk](mailto:admin@archibald.newcastle.sch.uk) or telephone 0191 285 1957. Thank you.



## Parent Links

### **Extended glossary of terms:**

<http://www.education.gov.uk/a0013104/glossary-of-special-educational-needs-sen-terminology>

### **Children and Families act 2014**

<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2014/6/contents/enacted>

### **SEND Code of Practice**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/special-educational-needs-sen-code-of-practice-and-regulations>

### **Newcastle Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) Information, Advice and Support Service, (formerly known as the Parent Partnership Service)**

[Judith.lane@newcastle.gov.uk](mailto:Judith.lane@newcastle.gov.uk)

### **The National Autistic Society**

[www.autism.org.uk](http://www.autism.org.uk)

### **Visual Impairment, Newcastle City Council**

[www.newcastle.gov.uk/.../visual-impairment](http://www.newcastle.gov.uk/.../visual-impairment)

### **Education Healthcare Plan**

<http://www.ehcplan.co.uk/>

### **Northeast Special Needs Network**

(Supports families with disabled children/young people from birth to 25 years)

Northeast Special Needs Network

Northern Counties Site

Tankerville Terrace

Jesmond

Newcastle upon Tyne

NE2 3BB

Phone and fax

Admin: 0191 281 2485

Family Advice Workers: 0191 281 2255

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